

CITY OF TUCSON SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION (SBC)  
MINUTES OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006

Mayor and Council Chambers  
255 West Alameda, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Tucson, Arizona 85701

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm.

Members Present

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| Don Windmiller, Vice Chair | Deb Turner        |
| Marion Hook                | Lola Kakes        |
| Leonard Gulotta            | Britton Dornquast |
| Katharine Kent, P.E. CEM   | Diane Castro      |
| Jan Gordley                | Richard Krone     |
| Joe Higgins                | Deitrich Benjamin |

Members Absent/Excused

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| Joanna Dinan    | Kendall Morgan |
| Eddie Escalante | Eva Macias     |

Others Present

Jim Glock, City of Tucson Transportation Department  
Sheila Storm, Regional Transportation Authority  
Gary Oaks, City of Tucson Urban Planning and Design  
Sandra Hallenbeck, University of Arizona Corporate Relations  
David Mahmoodi, Basis School  
Kathleen Skinner, Metropolitan Tucson Chamber of Commerce  
Paul Durham, Chief Aide, Ward VI  
Ellen Hitchings, City of Tucson Finance Department  
Kathy Maish, City of Tucson Finance Department

2. Approval of the January 26, 2006 Minutes

Unanimously approved and accepted. Motion by Richard Krone, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lola Kakes.

3. Chairperson Report

- Welcome new member – Deitrich Benjamin, Stand Firm Personal Training LLC
- March 23, 2006 meeting – Ward VI Council Office, 3202 East 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm.

4. Call to the Audience

No response.

5. RTA – Presentation/Discussion

Sheila Storm gave brief overview of the RTA Plan. Small business assistance program has been allocated \$10 million. The RTA will be on the May 16, 2006 election ballot.

6. Roadway Development Policies Update – Presentation/Discussion

Jim Glock, Transportation Director, gave a short presentation. The Roadway Development Policy (RDP) is outside the RTA arena. It will go ahead regardless of the outcome of the RTA. A series of public forums have been held for input. Input to-date has been positive

with comments on the need to have greater, earlier, and more comprehensive communication. Outreach to small businesses needs to happen early in the process.

7. I-10 Widening Project/Business Assistance – Discussion

Jim Glock, Transportation Director, gave a brief update. At this point, ADOT still has not given any clear indication as to what the business assistance program looks like. Mr. Glock will be approaching them to address specific questions and will attempt to get ADOT moving forward with respect to an ombudsman position along with a joint effort on how we deal with small business needs along the corridor. Mr. Glock will be on next month's agenda with an update.

8. Needs Assessment for Small Business, City of Austin – Discussion

Britton Dornquast prepared a list of questions related to the services the City of Tucson provides for small business. Motion by Katharine Kent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Turner – “Ask City staff to provide answers to the questions so that all possible resources might be identified and we can proceed from there”. Unanimously approved.

9. Commercial Recycling Recommendation – Discussion

Katharine Kent prepared a draft memo to go before Mayor and Council. She will update and bring back to next meeting for approval

10. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2006 Newsletter – Discussion

Don Windmiller asked for input for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter newsletter that will be going out the end of March.

11. Call to the Audience

David Mahmoodi, high school senior at Basis School, is researching what other cities provide to small businesses. He will prepare a 20-minute presentation for April meeting.

10. Future Agenda Items

- I-10 Widening Project/Business Assistance
- Discussion of Needs Assessment Report from Austin, TX
- Commercial Recycling Update
- Puerto Nuevo
- Update on Proposed Business License Policy that goes before M&C March 21<sup>st</sup>
- A-Frame Ordinance Update
- Rio Nuevo Update

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm. Motion by Katharine Kent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lola Kakes

**NOTE:** It is the intent of these meeting minutes to get the general meaning of the discussion, summarize what happened, and record official actions. The minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcription of all that was said. Audiotapes of the meeting are available for review at City Hall, Finance Department/Revenue Division, 255 West Alameda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor West.